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How did we get this Bible?

What's the difference between all of these translations?

Why do we believe it is the inspired word of God?

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Daniel 9:1-2 (NIV)

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

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2 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

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How do we know that what we have in our Bible is what was originally written?

Why do we have all these different versions?

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Original Autographs

Alexandrian

Byzantine

Western

Textus
Receptus

Majority Text

Critical Text

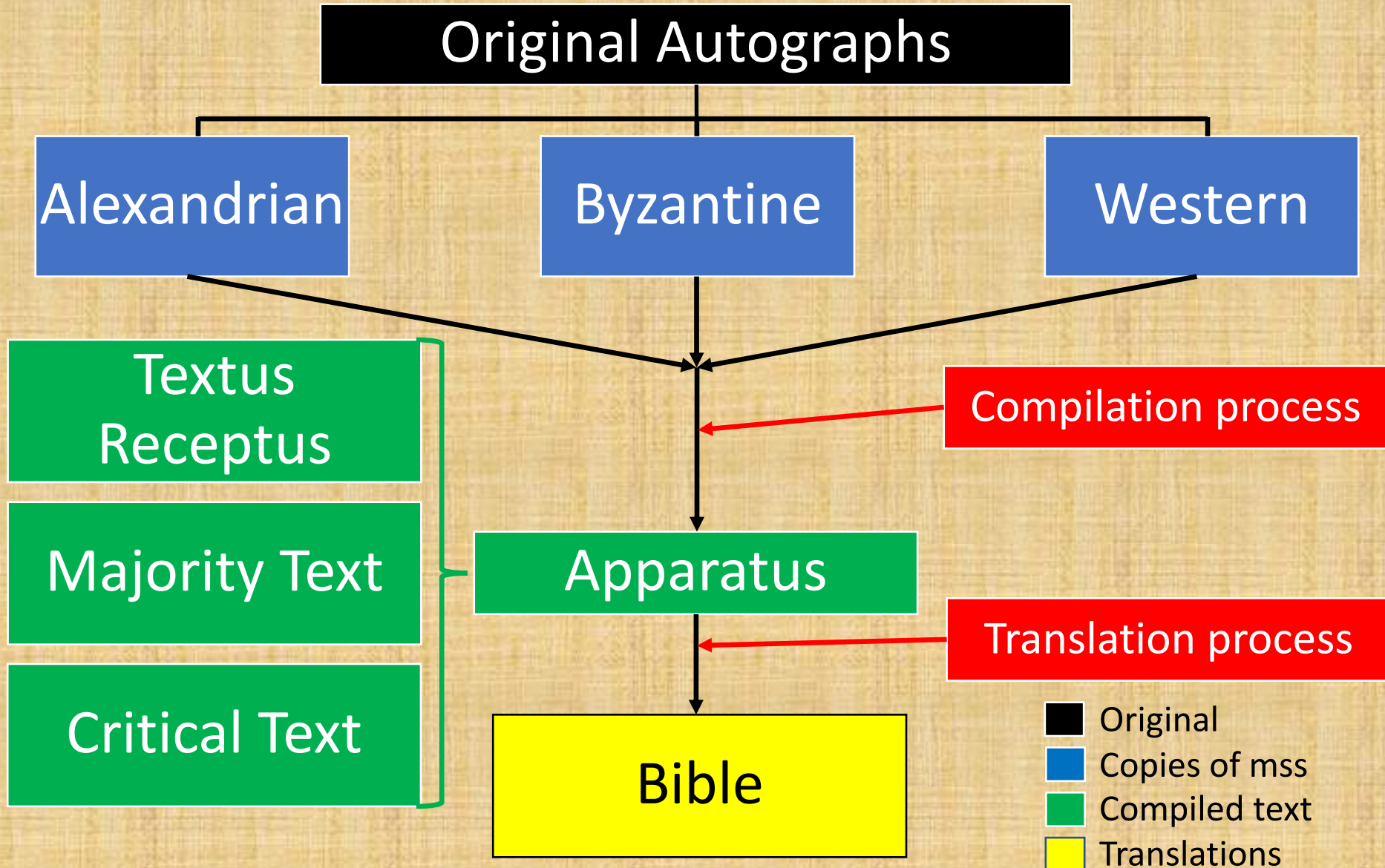
Compilation process

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Bible Translation Comparison

WORD-FOR-WORD (Formal)

most often used for in-depth study
and personal development

NASB

AMP

ESV

KJV

NKJV

HCSB

NRSV

NAB

NIV

NLT

NirV

GNT

TLB

MSG

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT (Dynamic)

most often used for in-depth study
and personal development

PARAPHRASE

most often used for devotional reading
and gaining diverse insights

INTERLINEAR

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Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

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Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.